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**STATE EDUCATORS
MEET AT RADFORD**

Seventy-Five Gather for Conference With State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
East Radford, Va., August 27.—Seventy-five State educators are holding their annual conference with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction here. There are 103 division superintendents in Virginia, of whom thirty have recently been appointed. In the gathering here are Superintendent Stearnes, Secretary Chesterman and Inspectors, E. R. Ry-

roll, and A. L. Lincoln. Among the superintendents here are J. A. C. Chandler, of Lexington; J. M. Lynch, of Lynchburg; Harris Hart, of Roanoke; W. D. Hall, of Fairfax, and A. D. Wright, of Henrico; Frank T. West, of Louisa, and J. T. Johnson, of Charlottesville.

Southwest Virginia is largely represented by the following, being Mr. W. Fugate, of Russell; B. E. Copenhaver, of Marion; W. J. Edmondson, of Washington County; George R. Hufford, of Wythe County, and J. P. Whitf, of Radford.

The schoolmen who arrived last night and this morning are quartered in Labelle Inn, which is the Radford Normal dormitory, and they take their meals at East Radford Inn. The sessions of the normal school administration building.

This is the first coming together of the superintendents since Superintendent Stearnes took office, and the discussions are marked by most striking evidence of a disposition to cooperate and give the schools the benefit of good team work.

Frequent visitations by superintendents is urged by Mr. Stearnes, and this and discussion of what constitutes an efficient teacher, and how promising young teachers can be developed, and treated with much animation and interest. Mr. Class, asked how he determined a teacher's efficiency, said he decided largely by her manner of handling her class. He found best results here obtained by encouraging teachers to "share" their class, and how to handle their work. "You must love 'em," he exclaimed, which brought forth a laugh, and yet the idea was accepted as being at the foundation of successful teaching.

Mr. Stearnes, who urged that the superintendents must ply their calling with the zeal of missionaries.

SHEEP INDUSTRY

Farmers Forming Lobby to Obtain Dog Legislation From General Assembly.

Declaring that the uncured stray dog has been the ruin of the sheep-raising industry in the Virginian farmers of the State are banding together in the organization of a lobby, as powerful as that behind the lime-grinding bill in the last General Assembly, which has in view the enactment of a statute regulating dogs. A muzzling law is not to be strictly insisted upon, it is understood, but the farmers will at

now on cattle and live stock be placed on dogs.

While it is not thought that the State Department of Health will father a dog muzzling bill before this session of the Legislature, it is known that such a bill will be introduced by a member of the House, and as the department's views on the subject have often been publicly expressed, it is taken for granted that the influence of the health authorities will be felt in drawing that line behind it. Commissioner Williams, however, is not optimistic over the prospects of having a muzzling law passed, and will, it is thought, be glad to support any bill aimed at the regulation of the curfew.

Farmers' Form Lobby.

The Southern Planter, chiefly responsible for the "insidious lobby" that enacted the lime-grinding bill in 1912, is binding the farmers together in the

is conducting an active campaign for the rousing of sentiment in favor of such legislative action. According to many of the letters written to this magazine, most agricultural sections of the State are overrun by a half-starved pack of mongrels, belonging usually to the floating negro population of the district, which is death and destruction to the dreams of the sheep-raiser. This futuristic situation is rather different from the old familiar story of the danger from hydrophobia, is being made the basis of the farmers' lobby, and will probably arouse more attention in the Leg-

While the farmers have not lined up behind any particular bill, many stringent measures are being advocated in the letters to the Southern Planter. Among these are provisions for a heavy dog tax to be levied by the state, all unlicensed dogs to be killed on sight by an officer appointed for that specific purpose, making the owner liable for all injury done by his dog, and practically insuring the extermination of the stray canines. The idea appears to have the hearty support of the farmers.

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